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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Striking Progress

THE enterprise which led to the resuscitation of the New Territories Agricultural Show, and the success which it enjoyed during last weekend, are both commendable and pleasing. Our local farmers, like our local fishermen, have enjoyed the encouragement of an enlightened and progressive official policy since the Liberation, and the results have been commensurate. While it remains true that the Colony's requirements in meat, poultry, vegetables and fruit can never wholly be met by New Territories products, it remains a matter of considerable importance to domestic economy that our farmers and peasants should develop livestock and crop husbandry to the fullest possible extent within the limited area available. And this calls for sympathetic and intelligent guidance in the art of breeding, crop rotation, seed selection, and the use of modern methods of fertilisation. Undoubtedly impressive progress has been made along these lines during the past five years, and it is fair to claim that the Agricultural Department has succeeded substantially in fulfilling its declared policy of "importing, selecting, producing and distributing improved livestock and seeds of selected varieties aimed at improving the production of food crops and livestock and improving the welfare of the farming community and the nutrition of the people."

A PARTICULARLY welcome feature of official policy relating to agricultural development has been the establishment of research and experimental stations in the New Territories. It is from such demonstrations of cultivation methods and animal husbandry that the peasant farmer, especially, learns valuable new ideas. The results of this type of practical education were obvious at the Agricultural Show; they have also been reflected in the weekly quality and quantity of food production reaching the wholesale markets. No one, least of all those whose duty it is to help develop agricultural and livestock husbandry in the New Territories, would pretend that the industry has yet attained its maximum in productivity and efficiency. There is still more land which needs developing, a still more enthusiastic adoption by farmers and smallholders of improved methods of cultivation. Nevertheless the Colony's agricultural community and breeders of livestock have made important strides towards stabilising the industry, and are now offering to the public a quality of produce never attained before the war. It is a matter for satisfaction to the farmers, Government, and the Colony generally that agriculture has become one of our most thriving enterprises.

New Sino-Soviet Trade Pact Believed Concluded

Stockholm, Feb. 23. Moscow is expected to announce shortly conclusion of a new agreement extending Sino-Russian trade and Soviet economic assistance to China.

This view is reached here by diplomatic observers after an unusual show of Sino-Russian friendship culminating today with the visit of the Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister to Port Arthur.

Their presence with the Chinese naval and air force chiefs on the Soviet Army anniversary follows a message to Stalin from Mao on the third anniversary

U.S. AID FOR INDO-CHINA

Programme To Be Drafted For Congress

Washington, Feb. 23. Officials said today that a new programme of United States aid for Indo-China would be drafted here within four or five weeks so that it could be presented to Congress in April along with other aid programmes of the Eisenhower Administration.

With his experience in the liberation of Europe from the Nazis and the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to meet Russian threats, President Eisenhower gave strong indications that henceforth Indo-China's fight against Communism would be considered a major part of the entire Far Eastern front against Red aggression. It would no longer be regarded as a separate and distant operation unconnected with Korea and competing for arms that might be needed there. Governmental sources have indicated.

More aid and closer liaison with French and Vietnamese military leaders was generally expected by informed quarters here. The amount and rate of aid would be determined largely on the basis of the report by a four-man team of investigators who were sent to Indo-China several days ago to look over the situation and report back here in about a month's time to the Mutual Security Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen.

Other consultations on the subject are likely to take place in Paris in the first week in March when General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visits there. He will go primarily to consult with General Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Commander of NATO forces, near Paris but it is foreseen here that the Indo-China situation will enter into their conferences and that French views will be obtained at the same time.

It is believed to be essential not only for plans in the Far East but also for Europe since much of the success of NATO depends upon the results which France can get in Asia. Government attention here to Indo-China has been intensified in the last few days by reports that the Russians may be planning new moves there. This point was brought out a few days ago by Senator Mike Mansfield who called for more United States arms aid to the Indo-Chinese to enable them to counter any military build-up of Communists in Vietnam.

Meanwhile, the newly named United States Ambassador to France, Mr. Douglas Dillon, testified in a secret session with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week that it was vital to give further assistance to the anti-Communist Vietnamese particularly in training and arming more troops.

The Chairman of the Committee reported that he had expected that "if 40,000 to 50,000 additional troops could be trained and equipped it probably would be the turning point" in the war there.

This testimony appeared to be linked with the announced plan for French Marshal Alphonse Juin to visit Korea to help establish closer liaison between the anti-Communist forces there and those of Indo-China.

In disclosing this plan reliable sources recently told the United Press that Marshal Juin's trip would probably draw together the military views and training methods of Asian forces now actively fighting the Communists.

While they understood that the trip is not likely to give immediate results in co-ordinating action in Korea and Indo-China it is expected to help overall future Far East planning.

Marshal Juin's mission will probably be supplemented on the American side with a report of Mr. Stassen's four-man team. This group will inquire into the military as well as economic status of Indo-China and will also make recommendations for possible American aid to the current military training programme there.—United Press.

Mossadegh Bans Strikes

Tehran, Feb. 23. Premier Mohammed Mossadegh, acting on the eve of a scheduled sit-down strike by minor Iranian officials, today issued a decree banning strikes by government employees.

The decree prescribes punishment for strikers ranging from a fine of one-third of salary to dismissal.

The minor officials were to go on a sit-down strike in their offices on Tuesday if the government fails to meet their demands for higher pay. As further protest actions, they planned to stay home as from next Thursday, and to swamp cable offices throughout the country on March 1.

Mossadegh's anti-strike decree was accompanied by an announcement that he would submit a bill to the Majlis (Parliament) calling for pay increases for lower ranking officials.—Associated Press.

Tito Visit Will Be Private

London, Feb. 23. The Queen will entertain President Tito to lunch when the Yugoslav leader visits Britain next March 23, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Eden said other details of the Communist leader's visit still are under discussion, but he will be "appropriately entertained by the government."

The visit will be a private one, Mr. Eden explained, "since it would be inappropriate for a state visit to take place before the coronation." He comes, however, as the guest of the government.

Putting the visit on a private basis cuts out the possibility of Tito staying at Buckingham Palace.—Associated Press.

Flood Fatalities

The Hague, Feb. 23. The Red Cross announced tonight that 1,487 people died in Holland's floods.—Reuter.

Austrian Border Drama



Withdrawing Recognition Of Mongolia

Former Nazi, Martin Jacoby, machine gunned and killed Mayor Theodor Kinkel, from the window of his house in Bayerischgmain, near the Austrian border. Afterwards he set fire to his house and jumped spectacularly in flames to his death. Jacoby's house was so full of bombs and ammunition firemen could not get near until it had burned out.—London Express.

Taipei, Feb. 24. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government on Formosa will withdraw its recognition of the People's Republic of Mongolia when it abrogates the 1946 Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance.

The Nationalist Central News Agency reported that the Nationalist Government spokesman, Mr. Shen Chuang-huan, said this yesterday.

Mr. Shen declared that Mongolia was the creation of the Sino-Soviet Treaty, and it would be "scrapped with the treaty."

Nationalist China stood on solid ground in declaring the treaty null and void because the treaty had been repeatedly violated by Soviet Russia, the news agency quoted Mr. Shen as saying.

TODAY'S DEBATE

A recommendation from the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, approved by Premier Chen Cheng's Cabinet yesterday to abrogate the Sino-Soviet Treaty, will be debated today by the Nationalist Legislative Yuan.

Its endorsement is expected to be certain.

The Foreign Ministry will then formally repudiate the treaty.

According to the Central News Agency, Mr. Shen has said the abrogation had no connection with President Eisenhower's decision to end the neutralisation of Formosa or the American move to repudiate secret agreements.

He said "China has long considered steps to tear up the Sino-Soviet Treaty."

Action was first considered as early as November 25, 1949, when Nationalist China charged the Soviet Union with violating the Sino-Soviet Treaty at the United Nations General Assembly.

The treaty had been negotiated by ex-Premier T. V. Soong.—Reuter.

ORDER TO STAY

Washington, Feb. 23. The Attorney General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, will not change his Democratic predecessor's order to bar the movie actor Charlie Chaplin from returning to this country, a Justice Department spokesman said today.—United Press.

Mau Mau Terrorists Carry Out New Raid

Nairobi, Feb. 23. Terrorists raided another farm in the Nyeri district tonight not far from the Royal lodge where the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh stayed during their visit to Kenya last night.

The raiders set fire to farm buildings which contained a car and two tractors.

Promises of better weapons, more rations, and jungle clothing to help in their guerrilla fight against Mau Mau were made to Kenya's "Chindits" force today by the British Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir John Harding.

The "Chindits", also known as "Eye" Force, consist of volunteers formerly with the Kenya Regiment, the Kenya Police Reserve, regular police, and African tribesmen.

(The original Chindits were British troops who operated in Burma behind the Japanese lines during World War II).

Sir John told a gathering of "Eye" Force that he would do his best to have flown out from England all the extra supplies they needed including some of a new type of British submachinegun.—Reuter.

Richard Acheng Oniek, former Secretary of the Kenya African Union, denied in court here today that turning Europeans out of Kenya was part of the organisation's policy.

He is one of the five Africans on trial with Jomo Kenyatta, former President of the Union, on Mau Mau charges.—Reuter.

Russia Accepts New US Envoy

London, Feb. 24. The Soviet Government has accepted Mr Charles Bohlen as the new United States Ambassador to Russia, according to a Tass, Soviet official news agency, message received in London early today.

The Tass message said that Mr Jacob Malik, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, informed the United States Charge d'Affaires in Moscow that Mr Bohlen was acceptable to the Soviet Government.

"Mr Bohlen, the United States Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, told the Soviet Foreign Ministry some days ago that it was the wish of the President of the United States to appoint Mr Charles Bohlen as envoy extraordinary and Minister plenipotentiary of the United States in the USSR, and inquired whether his person would be acceptable to the government of the Soviet Union," the Tass message said.

"Mr Malik, Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR, has told Mr Bohlen that the Soviet government is ready to accept Mr Bohlen in the quality of envoy extraordinary and Minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the USSR," Reuter.

RESTORING RELATIONS

Washington, Feb. 23. Observers stress that in nominating the Russian expert, Charles Bohlen, to be Ambassador to the Soviet Union, President Eisenhower was restoring normal diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

They recall that his predecessor, George Kennan, was declared persona non grata by the Russians and had to be recalled by President Truman. The same observers thought that one of President Eisenhower's main considerations in making this appointment was that at a time when he wished to take a stronger line in American foreign policy, it was indispensable for him to be informed in detail on Soviet reactions to American moves.

It is noted that Mr Bohlen, with his predecessor, George Kennan, is one of the State Department's leading experts on Soviet affairs. He is a friend of Mr Kennan, and shares most of the latter's views on the Communist problem and on the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

33 Delegates Reaffirm Faith In United Nations

United Nations, Feb. 23. On the eve of the reopening of the General Assembly 33 United Nations delegates today unanimously rejected in a poll the idea that the United Nations should be abandoned.

Some delegates said they believed peace was closer today than when the United Nations was first started.

Others, who did not share this view, nevertheless said the United Nations was not to blame. They said the world would have been closer to war if it had not been for the United Nations.

The decision to resist aggression in Korea was one of the greatest steps the United Nations had taken to strengthen peace according to 24 of them.

Representatives of Communist countries did not take part in the poll organised by Look magazine and the American Association for the United Nations.

President Eisenhower is expected today to give the resumed session of the General Assembly a reaffirmation of his faith in the United Nations.

Plans call for a message by President Eisenhower to be read to the Assembly by Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the new American permanent delegate to the world organisation.

In the audience will be Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who arrived in New York aboard the liner Queen Mary yesterday.

It will be the first time that the 66-nation body has met since President Eisenhower took over the affairs of the United States and it is unlikely that the new Administration would unveil any spectacular plan for Korea or the Far East.

REJECTION EXPECTED

Mr Lester Pearson, the Assembly's President, will reopen the session with a statement in which he is expected to report the rejection of the Communists of the peace plan for Korea.

The most that the Assembly is likely to be asked to do is to recommend tightening of the embargo on strategic materials to China, a ban first recommended by the Assembly in May 1951.

According to present intentions the Assembly will not be asked to recommend a naval blockade of China, a proposal which might run into the objections of many of the allies now fighting with the United States in Korea and thereby threaten a split in the Western camp.

Whether India or another Asian nation will try to find another way out of the deadlock over the prisoner of war issue which has prevented an armistice in Korea remains to be seen.

Mr Lester Pearson in a review of possible developments at the Assembly said over the weekend that the Indian plan "must surely remain the starting point

Troops To Aid Police

London, Feb. 24. Nearly 3,000 servicemen will be drafted into London to help police control crowds and traffic during the Queen Elizabeth's Coronation on June 2, it was announced today.

Two thousand of them will help 12,000 to 15,000 police lining the three-mile route along which the Queen will drive. The remainder will help in car parking and traffic control in areas near the route.

The 3,000 servicemen will be in addition to the 215 officers and 4,123 other ranks who will line the route in ceremonial dress during the procession. About 1,230 servicemen will take part in the actual procession.—Reuter.

Drank Poison To "Scare Husband"

Pasadena, Feb. 23. A 39-year-old housewife who "just wanted to scare my husband," died at the New Pasadena Hospital from arsenic poisoning today.

She had drunk a bottle of rat poison.—United Press.

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Clear Indication Given Of British Attitude



King, Badouin of Belgium (left) has just returned to his country from France after complaining about what he termed "scandalous" attacks against the Belgian Royal House. The attacks have centered on the young King's absence from Belgium during the flood disaster and also the alleged influence over him of the Princess de Reethy, ex-King Leopold's second wife, seen here together with Leopold posing with the King at Cap d'Antibes.—Central Press.

Most Dangerous Task In Korea

Korea, Feb. 23.
The throwback to the World War I type of static warfare in Korea has made patrolling the eyes and ears of the United Nations forces, and their most dangerous task.

Casualties on patrol probes against the wily Chinese are often as high as 50 per cent. But the Communists are so well entrenched that air reconnaissance alone has proved to be inadequate and unreliable.

Both sides are now relying to a great extent on information brought back by small reconnaissance patrols or larger fighting patrols and raiding parties.

A typical fighting patrol of 15 men and a reconnaissance element of one sergeant and three men, left the front line positions of the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment early on a recent morning.

They slipped out between the minefields which cover the icy northern slopes of Little Gibraltar Hill at 3 a.m. There was no moon, but it was a clear night and starlight gave considerable visibility. "Too much visibility," one of the men said.

"It was impossible to move quickly," one soldier explained. "The ground was covered with broken lumps of ice and we slithered all over the place as we climbed the steep ridge."

Half way up the ridge, the ground levelled off, and the ground patrol decided to prepare an ambush here in hope of catching a prisoner, while the reconnaissance element pushed further forward.

An Owen gunner, Private Jarvis of New South Wales, said that as they stood quietly in the starlight on the side of the Chinese-held hill it was "so silent that you could have heard a pin drop." There was no wind, and not even a slight rustle of dead vegetation disturbed the eerie silence.

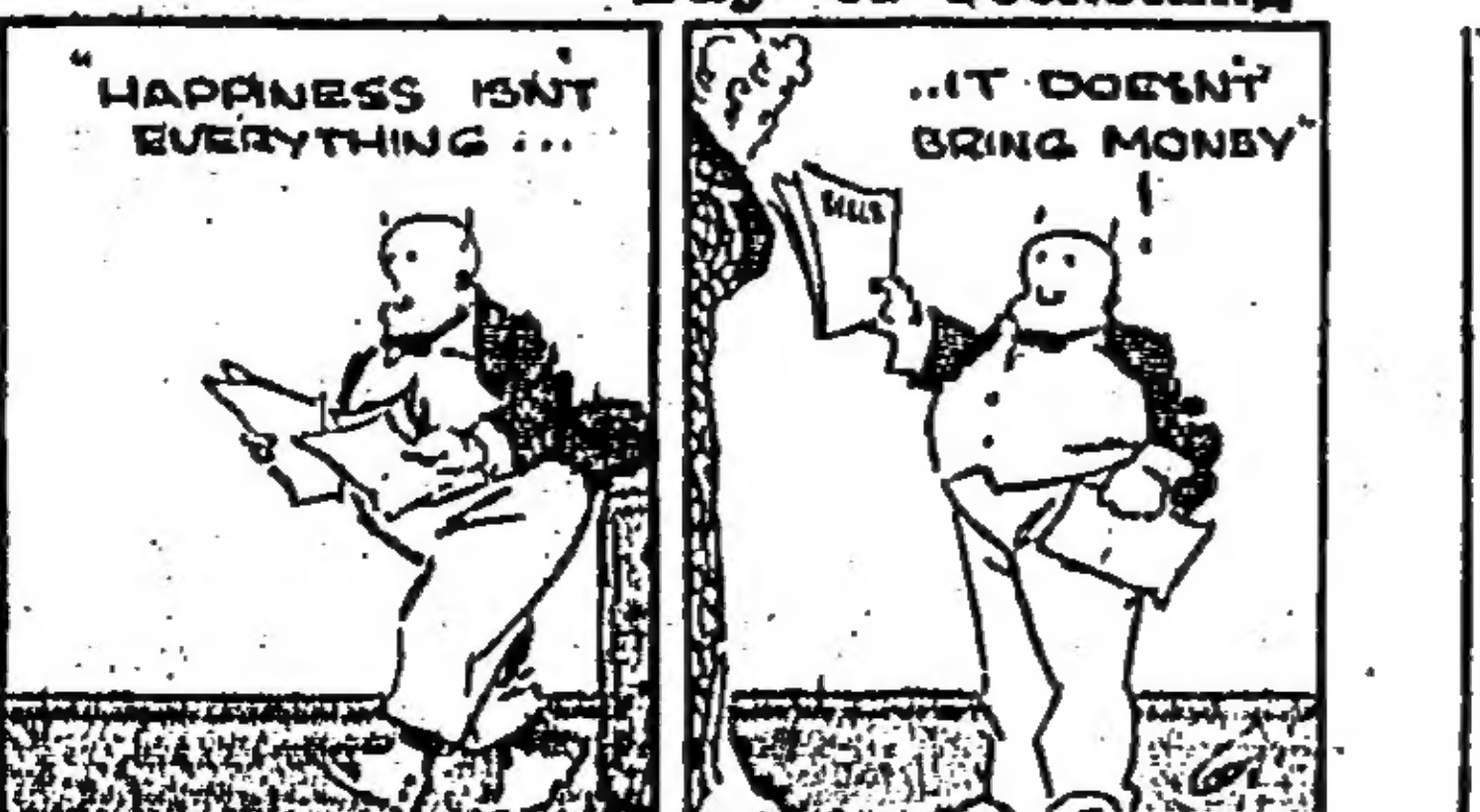
It was the last quiet moment the patrol was to have that night.

The reconnaissance section, led by Sergeant Fred Williams of Brisbane, started to move out. Sergeant Williams got five yards up the ridge when a single shot shattered the frosty air, and a Chinese concussion grenade rolled down the hill to land at his feet.

Sergeant Williams kicked desperately at the grenade, missed, and kicked again. Then it blew up.

"The Sergeant literally flew into the air," Private Jarvis said. "He seemed to some-

Day of reckoning



Dispute Over Territory In Antarctic

London, Feb. 23.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, said today that the naval parties established by Argentina and Chile on an airstrip adjoining the British base on Deception Island in the Antarctic had been "a nuisance and an obstruction."

He was reporting to the House of Commons on the arrival of the British Government's Antarctic expedition.

Members cheered as the Foreign Secretary added: "In taking the steps I have described, the British Government have been concerned to dispel any doubt about their attitude to encroachments of this type on British territory."

Deception Island is part of the Falkland Islands dependencies, which both Argentina and Chile also claim.

Mr Eden said that at the beginning of this month the Government was informed that Argentina and Chile had established naval parties on the airstrip adjoining the British base at Port Foster which was British territory and that permanent buildings had been erected.

"These encroachments represented not merely an infringement of our sovereignty on the island but a nuisance and an obstruction to those who were maintaining our base," Mr Eden added.

Instructions were accordingly given to the commanding officer of the Falkland Islands to dismantle the buildings, which had been erected and to arrest and deport under the Falkland Islands Aliens Ordinance any occupants found in them.

The instructions were carried out on February 18 by British Magistrate assisted by constables of the Falkland Islands police.—Reuter.

Tanker Returning To Abadan

Venice, Feb. 23.
The Italian tanker Miriella slipped out of Venice harbour on Saturday evening after unloading the first cargo of Persian oil to reach Europe since the nationalisation of oil fields in Persia.

Her destination was not officially revealed, but usually well-informed shipping sources here reported that she would make for Abadan.

The Miriella arrived here from the Persian port on February 14, and the 5,000 tons of oil she unloaded is sealed in dockside tanks here awaiting the decision of the Venice tribunal.

The Miriella was still under charter to the "Supor" company when she left Venice on Saturday.

At least two other Italian tankers are at present steaming towards Abadan, according to shipping circles in Venice.

One, also under charter to "Supor", is the 6,804-ton Alba.—Reuter.

Colombo, Feb. 23.
Lord Halifax, former British Foreign Secretary, is "getting on all right" after an attack of influenza and bronchial pneumonia, an ADC to Lord Salisbury, Governor-General of Ceylon, said today.

Lord Halifax is expected to leave in a day or two the nursing home where he has been since he arrived here last Thursday for a fortnight's holiday as a guest of Lord Salisbury.—Reuter.

"Voice" Units To Fight Jungle Terrorists

Singapore, Feb. 23.
Royal Air Force "Voice" units—planes fitted with loudspeakers—will soon be flying over Malaya's jungles calling on terrorists to surrender.

One of two Velecia twin-engined transport planes specially equipped in England for this work left here today for Kuala Lumpur for further performance trials, after tests here.

The second plane is due here shortly.—Reuter.

No Cuts In Taxes Until Budget Is Balanced

Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 23.
Senator Robert Taft said today that taxes would not be cut until the budget was balanced.

The Republican Senate majority leader said his party could not say when taxes would be cut and by how much until it found out where cuts could be made in Federal spending.

Senator Taft said he would not support the Reed bill, approved by the House Ways and Means Committee, calling for a 10 per cent cut in income taxes on July 1 because it would send the Government further into debt.

Addressing 1,800 students at the Ohio Wesleyan University's Republican Day, Senator Taft put the blame for the Korean war on the Democrats and said the Republicans were also not responsible for the decline in farm prices.

"The Russians are now in a position where they can make some gains without fighting," he said.

"If they risk all in another world war, they may find their brand of Communism wiped out."

He did not see a solution to the Korean war, but doubted that it would have broken out "if the Democratic Administration had not practically invited the invasion of South Korea."

"At present there is no solution to the Korean conflict except to maintain a very strong position in a situation where it is almost impossible to gain."—United Press.

Governor's Appeal To Australians

Adelaide, Feb. 23.
Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Allingham George, new Governor of South Australia, appealed to Australians today not to overtax the Queen's strength on her tour next year.

Sir Robert was addressing 1,200 guests at a ceremony in Adelaide Town Hall at which he was sworn in as the 22nd Governor of the State.

He said the Queen would want to see as many of her subjects as possible and added: "Let us remember though that the Queen is young, a mother of two children, and human like us all."

"In her great office she has to bear heavy responsibilities."

"Therefore it is up to us to see that she is not asked to overtax her strength."

Until recently Air Attache at the British Embassy in Paris, Sir Robert succeeded Lieutenant-General Sir Willoughby Norrie who is now Governor-General of New Zealand.—Reuter.

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SHAH AND PREMIER TO MEET

Effort To Settle Personal Dispute

Tehran, Feb. 23. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and Premier Mohammed Mossadegh will confer tomorrow in an effort to settle the personal dispute between themselves, informed sources said today.

The dispute has complicated the already confused Anglo-Iranian oil problem. Predictions of a settlement came shortly after the Court Minister, Hussein Ala, called on Dr. Mossadegh and as Parliament met in a special session to study the differences between the Shah and the Prime Minister.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Loy Henderson, who has been negotiating for weeks with Dr. Mossadegh on the oil problem, also conferred with Mr. Ala and the Premier.

The serious dispute between the Shah and Dr. Mossadegh complicated Iran's political situation tonight at a critical moment in the negotiations on the Anglo-Iranian dispute.

The disagreement arose over the oiling premier's refusal to approve the \$5100,000,000 Royal Budget.

Usually well-informed sources said Dr. Mossadegh threatened to resign unless members of the Shah's Court stopped "intrigues" and Opposition Deputies stopped making trouble for him.

Dr. Mossadegh said he would appeal for popular support in a radio broadcast.—United Press.

Not To Get A Hearing

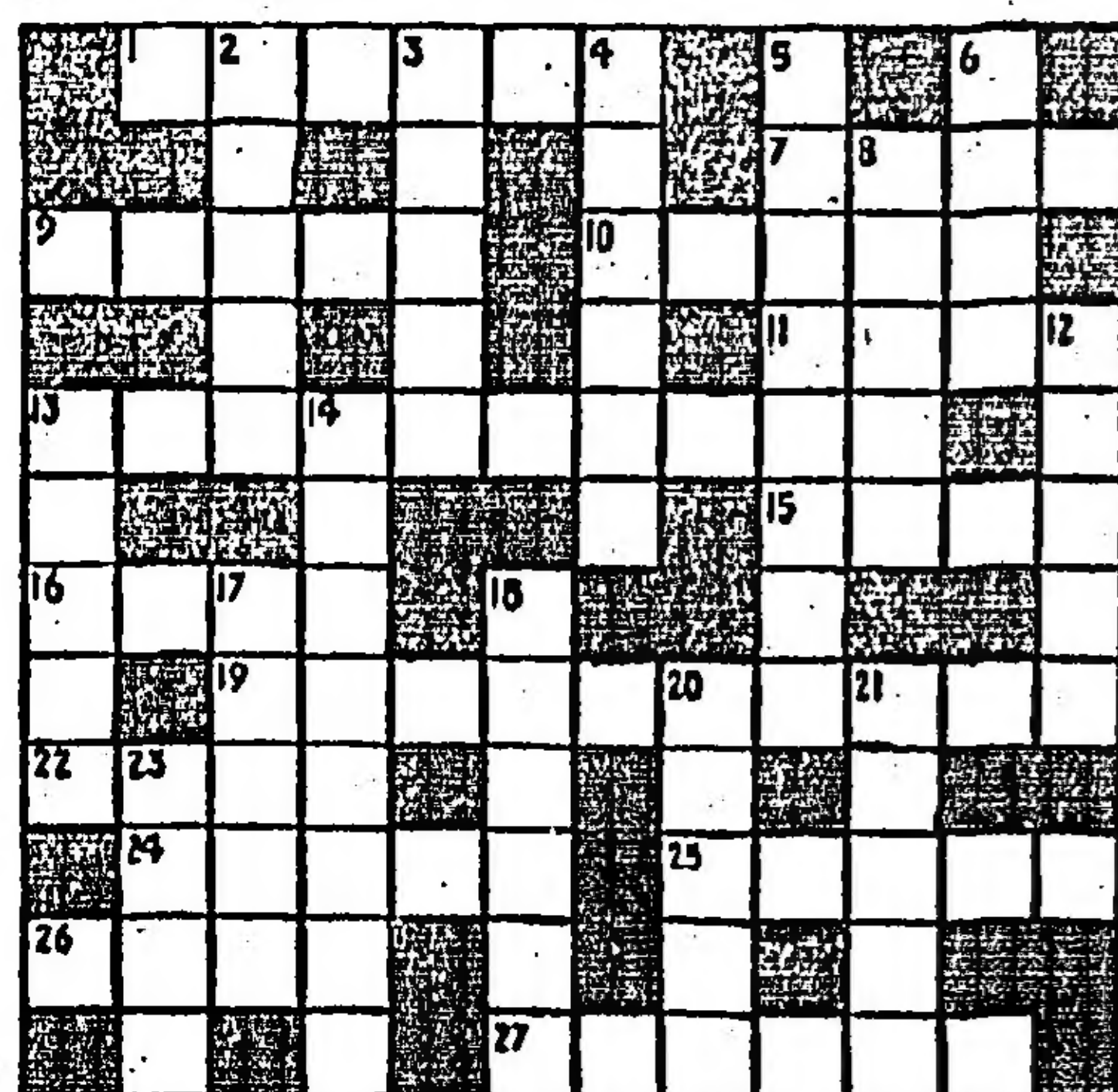
Ottawa, Feb. 23. The External Affairs Committee of the House of Commons voted today against granting a hearing to the Communist-inspired Committee for a Cease Fire in Korea. The chairman of the External Affairs Committee, Mr. J. A. Brudenell, said that the group was identified with the Canadian Peace Congress headed by Dr. James Endicott, recent winner of the Stalin Peace Prize. The group asked permission to present a resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire in Korea patterned on the demands of the Russian delegation at the United Nations.

A motion by Mr. Tom Goode opposed granting the group a hearing and was carried by 16 votes to two.—United Press.

Red Office Closed

Frankfurt, Feb. 23. Police today closed down the central office of the Communist-controlled West German Union of Victims of Nazism. The police confiscated all documents they found there.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Negligent (6).
- 7 In the centre of (4).
- 9 Infect (6).
- 10 Reigned (5).
- 11 London statue (4).
- 13 Smashing (10).
- 15 Rip (4).
- 16 Preach (4).
- 19 Enlighten (10).
- 22 Frolic (6).
- 24 Skins (5).
- 25 Hard stone (5).
- 26 Remainder (4).
- 27 Constraint (6).

DOWN

- 2 Radiates (5).
- 3 Bury (5).
- 4 Sprinkle (6).
- 5 Gifted (6).
- 6 Bathing place (4).
- 8 Blend (5).
- 12 Wait on (5).
- 13 Speak slowly (5).
- 14 Geyser (5).
- 17 Wearies (5).
- 18 Washed out (6).
- 20 Deduce (5).
- 21 Wrong (5).
- 23 Highest point (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Stumbled, 8 Ruin, 9 Revolver, 11 Prepared, 13 Else, 15 Radiator, 18 Humorous, 19 Type, 21 Dissects, 25 Particle, 26 Dear, 27 Displays. Down: 1 Grip, 2 Pile, 4 Tier, 5 Mood, 6 Level, 7 Dirge, 9 Rajah, 10 Venom, 12 Ready, 14 Spurt, 16 Tunic, 17 Rouse, 19 Tepid, 20 Force, 21 Dial, 22 Slay, 23 Clue, 24 Spy.

Guards Visit The Tailor



Immaculate new uniforms which Guardsmen will wear at the Coronation are being made to Government order in a clothing factory in London. And there is the usual link between the tailor and the well-dressed man—the future wearers attend for fittings. Picture shows Guardsman G. Marshall, Grenadier Guards, being fitted with his scarlet tunic.—Reuterphoto.

Point Four Aid For Egypt Announced

Cairo, Feb. 23. Egypt and the United States are to set up a joint council for the industrialization of Egypt under an arrangement announced today.

The arrangement, signed under the American Point Four Plan to help underdeveloped areas, will bring experts from both countries together to study the potentialities of Egypt and to study her raw materials, markets, communications and power surplus.

The United States has authorized a large sum of money for a preliminary survey by Egyptian and American experts and they will make a report to the Egyptian Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

American engineers have been in Egypt for several months at the request of the Government to plan the survey.

The Finance Minister and the Minister of Commerce and Industry signed the arrangement for Egypt and Ambassador Jefferson Caffery and the Point Four Director for the United States.—Reuter.

Moscow's Latest

London, Feb. 23. Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet novelist and propagandist, today pictured Mr. Winston Churchill waking up one morning surprised to find Britain at war. Ehrenburg said in an article in Pravda, broadcast by Moscow Radio, that the only explanation he would get from America would be "That's O.K.—you can read about it in the papers".—Reuter.

European Army Dispute: Talks In Rome ITALY TRIES TO MEDIATE

Rome, Feb. 23. The Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, met the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, tonight and arranged a private meeting with the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, in an effort to conciliate the Franco-German dispute blocking the European Army project.

Signor de Gasperi held a 90-minute session with M. Bidault, trying to learn the minimum French terms for ratification of the European defence pact.

Dr. Adenauer accepted an invitation to confer with the Italian Premier tomorrow, 45 minutes before the opening of the conference of Foreign Ministers of the six West European States.

The Ministers assembled here tonight for a series of talks aimed at clearing up the Franco-German dispute and other unification plans.

The Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg will meet formally tomorrow for the first time since September.

MAY CLEAR AIR. The conference is not expected to produce any sensational results but many felt it might clear the atmosphere.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, has asked for prompt and full reports on the talks, whose outcome may go far toward fixing United States foreign policy in coming years.

Three official U.S. observers came from Paris for the conference, which is due to last two days but can be extended.

The conference provides the first opportunity for the Ministers to talk over what Mr. Dulles had to say on his tour of their capitals.

The ostensible purpose of the meeting was to consider a Dutch proposal that the European Coal and Steel Union—the Schuman Plan—be expanded to a full European Customs Union.—United Press.

Effect Of Atom Bombs On Homes To Be Shown

Washington, Feb. 23. State civil defence officials will see for themselves what an atom bomb can do to ordinary homes when the Atomic Energy Commission and Defence Department fire a test weapon at the Nevada proving grounds next month.

A joint announcement by the agencies says that an atomic "shot" tentatively arranged for March 17 would be made over a target which will include two frame dwellings and several bomb shelters.

In addition to civil defence and other observers, newsmen will be permitted to witness the test.

This was done during the Spring series of tests in Nevada last year.

Will Use Force If Necessary

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Japanese coastal safety force frigates will return fire and use force if necessary to protect Japanese fishing craft, it was revealed by the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the National Safety Board, the Nippon Times said.

The English-language paper said the statement was made before Diet committee in answer to a question raised by Rightwing Socialist Seishu Matsura.

Mr. Matsura, the paper added, demanded to know what action CSF frigates would take when they are ordered to the high seas to protect Japanese fishing vessels.

Mr. Okada, the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the National Safety Board, explained that in the event of any foreign vessel attempted to seize a Japanese fishing boat in defiance of a CSF frigate's warning the frigate will take any steps necessary to protect the fishing craft.

If the foreign vessel fired the Japanese frigates would return fire and use whatever force necessary to protect the fishing ships under the Japanese flag, the Vice-Minister said.—Associated Press.

Pacific Ocean Winning Battle With Volcano Over Phantom Island

La Jolla, Calif., Feb. 23. Scientists report that the Pacific Ocean is apparently winning a battle with a volcano over the existence of a phantom South Sea Island.

The scientists, returning here with a University of California expedition from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, told of diving to examine the now submerged bit of land.

It is part of the island kingdom of Tonga, about 2,000 miles southwest of Hawaii. It is called Falcon Island, or in Tonga language, Fonua Fonua—"The New Land."

Since 1865, when it was sighted as a sea-lashed reef from the British warship Falcon, it has had its ups and downs.

In 1894, with the volcano spouting lava and rocks, the island rose 50 feet above the sea and was three miles long and 1½ miles wide.

It was reduced, by pounding of the waves and currents, to a shoal by 1898. In 1928, when it was claimed a second time, the name of Queen Sawaho of Tonga, it was 600 feet high and in volcanic eruption. By 1938, after other ups and downs, it had shrunk to 30 feet elevation. Now it is gone from sight.

The Scripps scientists, Dr. Walter Munk, Philip Jackson and William Bascom, and Dr. Robert Livingston of the University of California at Los Angeles' School of Medicine, reported they had to go down 60 to 76 feet to find Falcon Island.

The report said that part of the island was now 500 feet below the surface and that heavy discoloration of the water from eroded volcanic particles indicated further destruction.

The scientists estimated that several million yards of Falcon was being torn away each year and that, unless the volcano revives, it will disappear for good.

The four diving explorers returned from the South Pacific expedition—the fourth major exploration into the Pacific from Scripps in three years—aboard the research ships Horizon and Spencer F. Baird.

The expedition measured the greatest depths yet found in the Pacific south of the Equator—between 33,000 and 34,000 in the great deep known as the Tonga Trench. This is in the same general vicinity as the phantom island.—Associated Press.

Queen At The Academy



Whispering Campaign Against Ridgway

Paris, Feb. 23. An apparent deliberate whispering campaign against General Matthew B. Ridgway and his SHAPE headquarters is worrying senior officers concerned with maintaining Allied unity.

To neutral observers the campaign seemed largely inspired by French and British newspapers. At least four stories have intensified the campaign within the past week. They claimed particularly that many British officers are tired of serving as "office boys" in the 14-nation Command, allegedly over-weighted with Americans, and have sent in their resignations.

Official SHAPE figures obtained today appeared to disprove these allegations. Of 16 top jobs at SHAPE seven are held by Americans, four by British, four by Frenchmen and one by an Italian officer. Of the 81 officers who have left SHAPE since General Ridgway arrived last June 68 were rotated at the end of their normal appointment, 12 because they were not considered suitable and only one left at his own request. He was not British.

Other stories have claimed repeatedly that General Ridgway would soon leave SHAPE in disgust—so repeatedly that the Supreme Commander took the unusual step recently of having all correspondents telephoned at home on a Sunday to issue a personal denial. The latest rumour along these lines, given front page prominence by the afternoon newspaper Ce Soir, was that General Ridgway would be replaced by Marshal Alphonse Juin who is France's No. 1 soldier but whose diplomatic pronouncements seem to keep him in hot water.—United Press.

DIAMOND KING RESIGNS

Johannesburg, Feb. 23. Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, South African mining "king," has resigned as permanent director of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa, it was announced tonight.

He has been elected an ordinary director and chairman of the company. His resignation, which became effective on Feb. 16, does not involve any change in the administration of the company and he will not relinquish his active direction of its affairs and activities.—Reuter.

Stanley Kramer's "HIGH NOON" starring GARY COOPER

has received more citations as the best picture of 1952 than any other picture.

Coming shortly to the KING'S-EMPIRE-MAJESTIC.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, attended a private dinner party given by Sir Gerald Kelly, President of the Royal Academy, at Burlington House. Above is a charming study of Her Majesty taken at the dinner.—Central Press Photo.

10th Hearing On Hawaii

Washington, Feb. 23. The Secretary of the Interior Mr. Douglas McKay, today urged Congressional action to speed the admission of Hawaii as the 49th state of the United States.

He told the Territories Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Interior Committee that Hawaii was fully qualified for Statehood.

"The people of Hawaii have performed their duties as citizens in war and peace, have proven their devotion to the principles of our nation," he said.

Mr. McKay was the first witness at hearing on the Hawaii Statehood Bill. The hearing was the 10th Congressional study of Hawaii's Statehood qualifications since 1935.—Reuter.

LAND REFORM IN TAIWAN

Taipei, Feb. 23. The Nationalist Provincial Land Bureau has ordered preparations for carrying out the "land to the tiller" programme to be completed before March 15.

The "land to the tiller" programme is the final phase of "land reform" which is to begin operating on June 20, 1953. Under the land reform programme, the Nationalist government would finance farmers to buy land so that, in a year's time, all farmers would own the land they till.—Reuter.

Death Of A Former Colonial Governor

London, Feb. 23. Sir Cecil Hunter-Rodwell, former Governor of Fiji, British Guiana and Southern Rhodesia, died at his home in Holbrook, Suffolk, aged 78. He was High Commissioner for the Western Pacific from 1918-1924 and Controller of Diamonds for the Ministry of Supply from 1942-1945.—Reuter.

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NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR THESE RUSSIAN CHILDREN, BUT— IF FATHER IS A BIG RED BOSS

THE way the men who run Russia live exposes the myth of a classless society in which all signs of rank and wealth were to be obliterated.

That is the conclusion to be drawn from a new survey of the latest Russian Five-Year Plan.

Fifty thousand party bosses, Service officers, and favoured artists and intellectuals make up their families a total of 200,000 Soviet aristocrats who are more class conscious than any socialites in the Western world.

Many are rouble millionaires, for they are allowed to keep their wealth and also pass it on to their children.

In fact money, next to fear, has become the chief incentive in Soviet life. Even Stalin's income tax men handle the elite more gently than the West handles its rich men.

So much

A BOSS earning 15 times as much as a worker pays only five per cent more tax.

In the British Army a brigadier's pay is 12 times that of a private soldier; in the Red Army a general gets 300 times the pay of an ordinary soldier.

[The rouble is taken at the "official" rate of 13.75. Actually it is worth less in buying power.] The Soviet rich can invest at three to five per cent tax free in State banks, but, fearing purges or sudden devaluation as in 1947, few trust the banks. Instead they buy houses, furs, and other luxury goods.

The survey goes on:

Prime symbol of status in Soviet society is the dacha, or country villa. Members of the Politbureau and top Government officials maintain theirs in Serebryany Bor (Silver Forest), 30 miles southeast of Moscow, near the village of Tarasovka.

Here the dacha are large and sumptuously furnished. The route out is heavily guarded, with control points at short intervals. The entire area is officially designated as a "forbidden zone."

In other compounds, near the Serebryany area and along the banks of the Moskva River, lesser members of the elite have their dacha, where their wives

are supervised by a governess. They attend special schools with hand-picked teachers.

Attractive wives whose minds are on clothes and

amusements are considered likely to endanger a man's career. The ideal wife of a high functionary, from the party's viewpoint, is one who makes few claims on his time, or, as a working wife, serves as her husband's assistant.

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—THE WAY AHEAD IS SO SMOOTH

and children mingle and they themselves find occasional respite from the heavy chores of office. Top Soviet officials have few days off, not even an assured Sunday.

Pursure of this kind is responsible for the early death of many high Soviet officials, even though special attention is given to their health.

Ministers have full-time private doctors who accompany them everywhere. Those just below in the hierarchy share a physician among five or six families.

At home the Soviet aristocrat is likely to be surrounded by furniture of a heavily carved, gilded, and otherwise ornate style. Lamps heavily fringed, embroidered antimacassars dot heavy upholstered chairs.

All elite homes have radios, many have small film-screen Soviet TV sets as well.

Since the war the children have had cameras, bicycles, and sometimes motor-cycles, even motor-cars, many of which were picked up in Germany.

Servants in such homes are employees of the Government office or factory directed by the official.

So patient

IN such rank-conscious society, quite naturally, families tend to associate with others of the same status, and seek "good matches" for their children.

Cases of "unequal marriages" are becoming increasingly rare. And such marriages as that of Stalin's son Vasily to the daughter of Marshal Timoshenko, and of Stalin himself to Kugenevich's sister, though not publicly celebrated or even announced, do in fact take on the aspect of court marriages of old.

The children of such matches may be supervised by a governess. They attend special schools with hand-picked teachers.

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Nothing Can Stop The Emergence Of Extremist Parties In Germany

Berlin. FIFTY million West Germans will go to the polls this year to elect a new government. Will they throw out Dr Adenauer and his middle-of-the-road policy, which has seen them through the troubled postwar years to prosperity, far beyond their wildest dreams during the starving years after Hitler's defeat?

Or will they put power in the hands of the extremists of the right, the men who look upon democracy and the vote only as a stepping-stone to absolute power on the Nazi model?

At present it is anybody's guess. But from all appearances, the temper of the German people is not ready for the big swing-over to extremism yet. It looks as if Dr Adenauer, or someone like him, will continue to manage the affairs of Germany for the next four or five years.

INEVITABLE COURSE

After that anything might happen. For by that time the steady resurgence of nationalism in the German mind will have reached a stage where moderation and democracy may no longer be able to attract more than a handful of votes.

A fatalist view? Not a bit of it. Just the inevitable course of history, say experienced British observers in Germany. Wistfully they remember the plea the Allies had for "re-educating" the Germans after the war. Those dusty blueprints for a new Germany which would never again attack its neighbours disappeared for good into files several years ago.

Today it is too late to change the course of history. When

SECOND OF THE SERIES, "THE NAZI REVIVAL", BY ANTONY TERRY

Germany and France ratify the contractual agreements between the Allies and Germany—they are certain to do so now during the coming months—the Germans will get back all power into their own hands.

British troops will be in Germany only to defend the country against attack. Britain will cease to have any say in the running of the country. The Control Commission will close down. Our representative will be an ambassador as in any other friendly country.

INFILTRATION

Emergency powers like those under which British officials were able to swoop and arrest the Nazis a few weeks ago will no longer apply.

Only in the event of an actual uprising or a near-revolution which the German Government looks like being unable to cope with itself can the Allies interfere once the agreements are ratified. The Germans are saying that is why the cunning British pounced on the Nazis now, instead of waiting until they had even more evidence.

Let's get this straight—in a few months there will be no way in which Britain, America or anyone else can stop the emergence of extremist parties in Germany. Providing the German authorities have no objection—and whether they do or not is not the exclusive concern of the Germans themselves—the Nazis or anyone else can set up in business on their own, either as an outright political party (using some other name) or by infiltrating into existing parties as the recently arrested Nazi "brains trust" was busy doing.

SHOULD WE FLOG OUR CRIMINALS?

Friday, February 13.

THIS is a murky, sudden morning with slate coloured skies that are dropping hypocritical tears upon my moping garden. In the centre of the terrace there is a wooden table flanked by four wooden chairs, scalded by weeks of rain, but waiting for Spring if it ever comes.

I am writing in my library with portraits of Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Disraeli and Joseph Chamberlain to remind me that he who sits in Parliament has a responsibility to his age no matter the degree of his significance or insignificance. And it is from the library that I look out upon the lifeless vista of the garden.

Yet it suits my mood for we are soon to debate in Parliament whether or not corporal punishment shall be restored in Britain and I have decided to take part if the Speaker calls me. The Party Whips are off and the issue will be determined by every member voting according to his conscience without any party differences.

My position is complicated by the fact that in 1948, in a similar debate on the issue of capital punishment, I wound up for the bench and advocated the abolition of hanging because it seemed wrong for the State to take human life and thus prevent a murderer making peace with God.

COINCIDENCE

ON a free vote we carried the day with a tiny majority, and it may have been that my speech won over the four or five extra votes necessary to win the struggle in the Lobby, although the abolition could not become law until it passed the House of Lords which corresponds to the Senate in other Parliaments.

But Mr. Chamberlain, the Socialist Home Secretary at that time and therefore the Minister responsible for the enforcement of the law, announced that until the Lords had given their verdict any criminals sentenced to death in the interval would be automatically reprieved from the rope.

By Beverley Baxter, MP.

By a fantastic coincidence the first murderer to be tried on the following day was a wretched fellow who had foully killed a policeman in my own constituency while I was in America. My constituents had such a regard for the murdered policeman, who was an exceptionally fine character, that they took up a subscription of nearly £2,000 for the widow.

And then their confounded M.P. turns up from his travels and helps to save the murderer from the gallows! I was regarded by many of my supporters as a miserable fellow, a sentimentalist, a poseur, and even a hypocrite. In fairness a goodly number credited me with sincerity but thought I was wrong.

To complete the chapter the Lords reversed the decision of the House of Commons and hanging was duly restored—except for those who had been reprieved during the intervening period. In other words the murderer of my policeman lives on in prison detained "according to Her Majesty's pleasure."

BRUTALITY

THE odd thing is that in the same debate we abolished all forms of corporal punishment except for attacks on prison wardens, and this was sustained by the Upper House. In the years that have followed no criminal, however vile his brutality, has been flogged or birched, except as stated, if he attacked a warden.

And soon, also on a free vote of the House, we are to decide whether or not corporal punishment shall be restored.

It is quite true that there has not been any increase in the number of brutal crimes since we got away with corporal punishment, but on the other hand there has been a deplorable increase in the sheer brutality of the crimes.

Almost every day with monotonous and revolting regularity the newspapers publish stories of "teach" boys who beat an old woman into submission, or steal her money. Savage attacks are made on bank messengers and drivers of mail vans. It is difficult to explain why this should be, for the average Briton is not a brutal fellow.

Apologists have argued that it is an aftermath of the war in which we trained commandos to

be murderers in uniform. But an examination of the facts proves that there is nothing in that argument. There is not a single case where an ex-commando has been arrested for criminal assault. Soldiers are not brutalised by war. On the contrary war sickens them of violence.

These crimes are mostly committed by men who never served in action, although some of them have been identified as deserters. Therefore we cannot blame it on the war.

I must confess that in my attitude towards both hanging and corporal punishment I was much influenced by a visit I paid to the Governor of Wandsworth Prison on the eve of the hanging debate.

CONTEMPT

I hope you chaps in Parliament will do away with the death penalty. When we have to string up a fellow here, although we try to keep it secret, the news always gets around by jungle telegraph. The whole prison becomes violent and brutalised. And there is another aspect. In the criminal world the murderer is the aristocrat—the fellow who killed and took the risk of hanging. If you do away with the gallows he will be regarded in the underworld as the cowardly brute who kills with no risk to his own neck, and I believe that the criminal community would turn against him.

"But corporal punishment is a different thing. The criminal who has been whipped or flogged is regarded as a wretched creature. It reduces him to the level of a school boy who has been caned. In fact he is a figure of contempt. For some brutes flogging is the only language they understand." The philosopher, the idealist and the sentimentalist will answer that we are no longer in the dark ages and that civilisation has outlived the days when society took its revenge upon the criminal by the mutilation of the body. They will further argue that corporal punishment not only brutalises him who receives but him who administers.

BARBARITY

THIS is a hard point to answer, yet if we look clearly upon this era in which we live we must come to the conclusion that while the 20th century has shown great advances in the social sciences, in science and education, it has also proved to be one of the most cruel periods in all history.

We recall with horror the cruelty of the Inquisition but at least the Spaniards had some mad idea that they were expelling evil in the torture of the auto de Fe and in the flames. We think of the days of Bloody Mary, the executioners were publicly beheaded and when executioners would defile and cut out a condemned man's heart while his body still lived on for a few jerking seconds.

But were the fires of Smithfield as barbaric as the extermination ovens of the Nazi concentration camps? At least the victims of the 16th century had been judged guilty of some crime, but the victims of the Nazis had committed no crime save that of being born of Jewish parents.

The brutal Judge Jeffreys could console his damnable conscience by the pretext that the men he sent to the gallows had rebelled against the King, but what can be said for the Japanese in their torture and extermination of their prisoners in the last war? Still further how can we condemn our forefathers as barbaric when we consider the slaughter of the innocents with which Imperialist Communism has created its kingdom of slavery? Today brutality does not bother to defend itself. It makes its own laws and carries out its own edicts.

INFLUENCES

THEREFORE I shall declare in the House of Commons that we should recognise the forward march of civilisation but not blind ourselves to the march of brutality. The roads run parallel to each other and the pace seems roughly equal.

But now for a moment let us look at the arguments of those who sincerely believe that the restoration of corporal punishment would be a retrograde step. Some of them say that criminals who commit violence should be regarded as being mentally sick or the victims of heredity or embittered by poverty. They are not enemies of their own conduct but are at

the mercy of influences beyond their control.

Let us admit that heredity and environment undoubtedly play a part as they do in everyone's life. But what is this rot that they are under influences beyond their control? Do they sit at a bank when the police are looking on? Do they beat up a woman if her husband and sons happen to be in the house? Of course not. They are sufficiently self-controlled to plan their crime with cold, calculated precision. Therefore they must be regarded as men who are the masters of their fate.

Yet the community is not wholly blameless. The treatment of crime by newspapers glamorises the murderer—not intentionally but nevertheless inevitably. The weak-minded youth can become a national figure by pouring bullets into a policeman, and, better still, he can get hold of money without earning it and live the life of a flash boy in the underworld. Even if he has to hang he may have thousands of people clamouring for a reprieve as if he were a patriot.

The newspapers will answer that they are not censors but publishers and that they do no more than present life as it is lived. That is a plausible answer but it does not really cover the point. The glamorising of crime by newspapers and films, even if it is not intended as an undoubted influence on young fellows who see nothing but drudgery ahead of them if they go straight.

TRAITORS

NOR is the community blameless. Every nation in the Western world is confronted with the complex struggle against Communism. Every nation is faced with the necessity of increasing output so that the heavy cost of rearmament can be borne by taxation. In Korea, in Malaya and in Indo-China young soldiers are giving the lives of an Rupert Brooke wrote their immortality. Not for them the happiness of home life or the pride of parenthood.

But while they die in the cruel struggle young fellows of their own age are making war on the community at home—brutal, savage war in which there is no mercy. They are not merely criminals. I say that they are traitors.

That is an ugly truth which may startle the fastidious and the sentimental, but it is a truth that should be faced.

In war a young soldier's nerve may break after days and nights of horror and he deserts. There is only one punishment for that—the firing squad. But in England the young criminal, a deserter from the duties of a citizen, beats a bank clerk to insensibility, knowing that his own body is considered sacrosanct by the authorities.

I repeat the charge that the criminal is the traitor on the home front. Everyone's hand should be against him. In prison we should try and reform him, try to make him conscious of his duties as a citizen, try to convince him that violence does not pay because it begets violence—and if he has any doubts on that last point the proof is at hand. If there are those who say that corporal punishment is barbaric and out-dated, may I remind them that it is for the criminal to decide whether or not it will be invoked. No judge will demand it for its own sake.

PROPAGANDA

THERE is not enough propaganda against crime, yet propaganda has become the fifth column of every campaign in peace or war. The criminal who carries a gun should not be dramatised as a daring bandit but as a coward and a traitor to the community. The criminal who clubs a defenceless cashier should be depicted as the spawn of human society. And this should be done by the very mediums that glamorise crime today—the press, the cinema and the comics.

We have tolerated criminals too long as an unavoidable but difficult section of the community. Certainly it is our duty to create conditions of work and leisure that are a healthy influence on mind and body; certainly it is the duty of the church and the community to preach by word and example the duties and privileges of citizenship.

But if after all these things a criminal strikes at society by a brutal attack on a helpless man or woman, then justice must be armed not only with a sword but with a whip, until such time as "civilisation" can say "We have emerged from the jungle at last and are animals no more."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The bill seeking to restore flogging was rejected by 159 votes to 63.)

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM FOR THE ENGLAND TOUR IS A STRONG ONE

Says PETER DITTON

London.

The nomination of 17 players to tour England this summer under the captaincy of Lindsay Hassett comes at a time when thoughts of cricket are hidden beneath news of gales, snow and widespread flooding. Nonetheless, it is cheering to contemplate the list and think with pleasure of brighter days ahead.

After many rumours and counter-rumours on the ability of Miller and Lindwall to make the tour, it is gratifying to see both of them included for what will be their second visit to this country. The retirement of Sir Donald Bradman was an occasion for regret. The absence of Miller and Lindwall would have been a double blow that might have ruined the tour.

English hopes are high that the Ashes will be regained this summer. This writer does not share the same optimism but avers that, in any event, it would be a hollow victory without opposition from the best Australian players.

GAME OF BLUFF?
Australian critics, in their report are either genuinely convinced that the Ashes have already changed hands or else are trying to play an extremely clever game of bluff.

There is nothing more calculated to upset one's opponents more than the knowledge that the towel has been thrown in before the fight begins. It can cause a go-easy attitude that may not be thrown off until it is too late.

England undoubtedly are going to have a better chance than they did in the Bradman era. It stands to reason that a man who averaged near enough a hundred during his Test career is going to be missed.

Though it may be that Ian Craig, the youngest player ever selected by his country, will develop into another Don. Already he is shaping that way and his reputation has preceded him.

What we are being asked to believe, however, is that this is a creaking, groaning, cricket machine, bursting at the seams and liable to collapse at any moment.

Certainly, the illusion was fostered by events in the final Test with South Africa. But it does not require any keen observations, even from a distance of 12,000 miles, to note that the two key players, previously mentioned, were both absent. Likewise England without Alec Bedser and Trueman or Talbot would be a much easier proposition than with them.

And it is also worth considering that Bedser, on whom most English hopes are based, is older than either Miller or Lindwall. The Surrey giant is 34, Miller is 33 and Lindwall a year younger still.

Bedser, too, is asked to get through far more work during the course of a season than either of the Australians will be. For him there can be no question of dropping out against weaker counties. Surrey will have to be out for points all the time if they are to retain the Championship.

During 1948, when the Australians were last here, Bedser bowled 1,139 overs during the season. Between them, Miller and Lindwall only just beat that figure. Miller sent down 429 overs and Lindwall bowled 850.

A FINAL WORD

A final word on the Bedser-Miller-Lindwall argument. Bedser has to do 60 per cent of his bowling at the end where, so it has been said by many visiting professionals, the ground is like concrete. It seems to me that if any breakdowns are to be expected, they should be looked for on the England side.

There is a useful blend of youth and experience in this Australian side that should not, despite many references to its limitations, set Hassett many problems.

As captain, Hassett is likely to be called upon to forsake his natural attacking role. But this responsibility has been with him for so long now that many have even forgotten he used to be one of the finest stroke players in the game.

From an English point of view it was unfortunate that Arthur Morris, vice-captain of the touring party, recaptured some of his old form in time for selection. On English wickets Morris threatens to be a thorough menace.

The fact that the ball does not come through so quickly and that, on most grounds, is easier to sight is a fact that the left-handers appreciate. Let it be remembered that next to Bradman he was top-scorer with 3,822 runs during the tour. His 230 against Gloucester was the highest of the season.

Naturally, during this Coronation year, everyone is hoping for cricket of the highest quality. As a pendulum can only swing so far before commencing its return journey, so the Australian side must eventually come to a halt. It would be a cause for double celebration if England could regain the Ashes.

THE "OLD GUARD"
These eight players—backbone of Australia's post-war sides—have toured England before, to know the conditions. Arthur Lindsay Hassett (Victoria), 39—Captain of Australia since Bradman's retirement in

1948. Toured England in 1938, captained Australian Services XI here at the end of war, was vice-captain of Bradman's team here in 1948. Silenced critics who said he was too old for Tests by hitting 103 in Fourth Test against South Africa. Averaged 100 this year, 5 ft. 6½ in.

Arthur Morris (NSW), 31—Left-handed opening batsman who was prolific scorer in earlier post-war Tests (average 67 in 1948 Tests in England), but had been in poor form recently until the last two Tests with South Africa, when he returned to nearer his best. Tour vice-captain, 5 ft. 9 in. Motor salesman.

Keith Ross Miller (NSW), 33—One of the best all-rounders in Test history. Hostile fast bowler (also off-spinners), forcing bat and fine field. Was in Hassett's Australian Services XI, and toured England in 1948. Injured his back in Fourth Test against South Africa and was omitted from fifth match. Captains New South Wales, 6 ft. 1 in. Newspaper worker.

Raymond Russell Lindwall (NSW), 31—World's best fast bowler since Larwood. Professional in Leicestershire League last summer. Has taken more than 180 Test wickets at average of about 22 runs. Hurt knee and missed Fifth Test with South Africa. Hard hitter, 5 ft. 11 in.

Robert Neil Harvey (Victoria), 24—Brilliant fast left-hand bat and fine fieldman. Was youngest member of 1948 side in England, and at 19 made a century in his first Test. Returned to form this winter, scoring more than any previous Australian in a Test series against South Africa, 5 ft. 7 in. In Hassett's sports business.

William Arras Johnston (Victoria), 31—Left-arm bowler who can switch from fast-medium swing to slow spin. Toured here in 1948. 6 ft. 2 in. Salesman.

Donald Tallon (Queensland), 37—Wicket-keeper and useful bat. English players realised he was one of the greatest-ever wicket-keepers in 1946-47 and 1948. Form declined against MCC in 1950-51, but this season made a determined comeback after illness, 5 ft. 10 in. Sports-goods salesman.

Douglas Ring (Victoria), 34—Right-arm leg-break bowler. Toured England in 1948 and played in one Test. Hard hitter, 6 ft. 6 in. Civil servant.

ON THEIR FIRST TOUR
These are the new men in Australia's team. None has been to England before:

Gil Langley (S. Australia), 33—Wicket-keeper who followed Don Tallon into Australian team. Has kept reliably against West Indies and South Africa, 5 ft. 9 in. Electrical stores owner.

Graeme Hole (S. Australia), 22—Batsman who made first Test appearance against MCC in 1950-51 and has not yet made a Test century. Dropped

to 12th man in Fifth Test against South Africa. Useful slow-medium off-spinner and fine field, 5 ft. 11 in.

Colin McDonald (Victoria), 24—Gained place as opening batsman in first Test against West Indies (1952). Made first Test century in Fourth Test against South Africa, 5 ft. 8 in. University student.

Ian Craig (NSW), 17—The youngest man ever to play for Australia. Made 213 not out for NSW against South Africans, 5 ft. 6 in. 17 in. Student chemist.

Ronald Archer (Queensland), 19—All-rounder. Bowls fast-medium. Has come to front this season. Picked for last Test against South Africa, 6 ft. 2 in. James De Courcy (NSW), 25—Right-hand bat who was twice 12th man against South Africa this winter, but who has not yet batted in a Test, 5 ft. 8 in. Clerk.

Alan Davidson (NSW), 23—Left-arm pace bowler, useful hitter and good field, bowls similarly to Johnston but is more erratic. Bank clerk.

Jack Hill (Victoria), 29—Top-spin and bowls leg breaks. Picked for usual, he should be better suited to English than Australian wickets. Civil servant.

Richie Benaud (NSW), 22—All-rounder. Attractive batsman, leg-break bowler and good field. Made first Test appearance against West Indies, and has played in last four Tests against South Africa. Unlucky with injuries, which have hindered his career, 6 ft. Newspaper worker.

(London Express Service)

Mrs Thebma Long Wins American Indoor Title

New York, Feb. 23. Mrs. Thebma Long, former Australian title-holder, captured the Women's Singles crown in the National Indoor Tennis Championships today. She beat Mrs. Barbara Scofield Davidson of Boston, 5-7, 6-0, 9-7.

Mrs. Long lost the first five games of the third set, then began to get powerful ground stroke under control and took five in a row. Mrs. Davidson was able to break service in the 11th game, but Mrs. Long broke right back and held her own delivery for a 7-6 margin.

After two more games on service, Mrs. Long broke again for the match. She finished it off with a clean forehand placement.

LARSEN WINS
New York, Feb. 23. The American, Art Larsen, today won the United States Covered Courts Tennis Championship when he beat the Danish player, Kurt Nielsen, in the final. The score was 6-3, 6-4, and 6-3. (France-Press.)

South Australia Virtually Assured Of Sheffield Shield

Adelaide, Feb. 23.

South Australia virtually assured themselves of winning the Sheffield Shield cricket tournament today when they forced Western Australia to follow on.

When stumps were drawn, Western Australia, in reply to a total of 466, had scored 214 and 146 for four wickets to leave the side 106 runs behind with only six second innings wickets to fall.

South Australia are unbeaten this season, having won three of the six matches played and taken first innings points in each of the three drawn games. With their first innings lead today this means they have collected 27 points, a total which no other state can exceed.

West Australia, because of travelling difficulties, play only four games, and so their performance is based on a percentage of points gained.

ONLY A MIRACLE
Only a miracle win in the current match, and a victory over Victoria later this week in the final Shield game, would enable them to beat South Australia.

The game was almost settled before tea today when West

SOUTH AFRICANS DRAW TEST SERIES



Hassett (facing camera) is caught by Endean off Mansell for 30 in Australia's second innings in the final Test at Melbourne which the South Africans won to draw the Test series.



Ian Craig, the 17-year-old Australian Test player, drives a ball from Keith through the covers for four during his innings of 53 for Australia in the final Test.



Tayfield, the South African spin bowler, falls as he makes a spectacular catch to dismiss Benaud off his own bowling during the Australians' first innings in the final Test. Benaud hit the ball to Watkins (standing left), but the ball bounced off his wrist to Tayfield. (Central Press Photos.)

Three Weeks Gap Next Season Between FA Cup Rounds

London, Feb. 23. Next season there will be a gap of at least three weeks between each of the English FA Cup rounds in the competition, except between the sixth round and the semi-finals when only a fortnight's break is possible.

The Cup Committee of the Football Association have decided to amend the dates of next season's competition.

These were approved by the Council today as follows:

First round, November 21, 1953;

Second round, December 12, 1953;

Third round, January 9, 1954;

Fourth round, January 30, 1954;

Fifth round, February 20, 1954;

Sixth round, March 14, 1954;

Semi-finals, March 27, 1954;

Final, May 1, 1954. (Reuter.)

Sir Arthur Morse's Tribute To The Late Mr J.C. Guimgam

The Hongkong Football Association yesterday paid farewell to their President from 1946-53, the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse, CBE, at a reception and presentation held at the Hongkong Football Club and at which Sir Arthur paid a high tribute to the late Mr J.C. Guimgam, Chairman of the Council of the HKFA.

Sir Arthur described the late Mr Guimgam as "one of the simplest and finest gentlemen which it can be anybody's wish to meet."

Sir Arthur also expressed the hope that in the future it would be seen that football in Hongkong was run for football's sake and that there would be no other interest, no external influence, except the good of football, governing decisions taken at meetings of the Council of the Association.

The HKFA's presentation to Sir Arthur was a silver replica of the Association's badge, circled in letters of gold by the name of the HKFA, flanked by the Chinese name of the Association, also in gold, and carrying in its centre a miniature image made of gold. The badge was mounted on a teak wood stand.

The presentation was made by Mr J. McKelvie, Vice-President of the Association, who called on the gathering to rise in a two-minute silence in memory of the late Mr Guimgam.

After the silence had been observed, Mr McKelvie said:

"We have met here tonight to say farewell to our President, Sir Arthur Morse."

"When I arrived back in Britain from Shanghai Camp at the end of 1945, I heard from many who had people interned in the Far East of a man called Morse of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, London, of the courteous manner in which he received them, of the excellent advice he gave them and of the very valuable help he had extended to them."

"Just before the 1946 Annual Meeting of the Association opened, I was informed that Mr Morse was to be our President. I had not met him but as soon as I had a meeting with an excellent choice the Association had made. The Football Association and all the other Sporting Clubs in the Colony were fortunate to have a man of the calibre of Mr Morse here (cheers)."

"I am sure he did as much, if not more, than any other individual in helping Hongkong to recover from the wounds she had suffered at the hands of the Japanese. It came as no surprise to us in 1949 when His Majesty King George VI bestowed on our President a Knighthood, an honour truly earned and well deserved (Applause)."

"Since Sir Arthur has been our President we had Teams come and play here from China, Malaya, the Philippines, Indo-China, Singapore, India, Australia, Denmark, Sweden and England. We have heard our President on many occasions refer to players and officials to play hard and play the game. For players there can sometimes be an excuse, for in the heat of the moment, tempers may get a bit frayed, but for officials there can be no excuse for not playing the game."

"We have also heard him on the Radio speak of the days gone by, of the old Hongkong, of Sir Gates and the Clubs were kept going by the subscriptions, also players had to find their own way to and from the grounds by tram or rickshaw. I have done this many times and in fact when I was captaining the inter-colonial team we were a good deal too much for his opponent, who was finally defeated 6-3, 6-2. All the games were closely contested in each set."

"K. C. Dao and Cheung Chov failed to appear so T. T. Tao and Cheng Chiu won by walk-overs. A. V. Szeto and Wong Chan-fai will replay since their match was stopped at 9-7 in favour of Szeto."

The results were as follows—
No. 1, best V.C.C. Hong 6-0, 6-0; Lee Wai-tung beat J. A. Cook 6-3, 6-4; E. Saubolle beat F. M. Renard 6-1, 6-2; M. D. Khan beat P. K. L. No 14, 5-7; Lee K. Chan beat M. W. H. Calvert 6-1, 6-1; Lee King-fun beat J. L. P. Wallis 6-1, 6-2.

WEIGHT-LIFTING RECORDS
Moscow, Feb. 23.

The Soviet heavy-weight weight-lifter, Arnold Vorobiev, broke his own world record for a two-hand lift and jerk of 180 kilograms at Sverdlovsk today.

Vorobiev, who comes from Sverdlovsk, held the former record of 168 kilograms.

Nicolas Salakov beat his own world record for the featherweight two-hand lift and jerk at Sverdlovsk with 138½ kilos.

His previous record was 138 kilos. (France-Press.)

Colony Snooker Championships

C. T. beat A. Hing by 2-0 and V. K. Kwok beat C. M. Ma by 3-1 in the Colony's Junior Snooker Championships played at K.C.C. last night.

SIR ARTHUR REPLIES

Replying, Sir Arthur said: "I have told you once before that for many years I have proposed health and other organisations in this Colony and I have not found great difficulty in doing so. But I can assure you that I find the very greatest difficulty in replying to toasts such as you (Mr McKelvie) have so brilliantly and eloquently proposed this evening."

"I regret more than any words of mine can say the cloud under which we meet to-night, the saddest of this occasion. We meet to-night after a great many of you have seen one of the greatest assets to football in this Colony, one of the simplest and finest gentlemen (hear, hear) which it can be anybody's wish to meet, laid to rest."

"It is indeed sad that a man in the prime of life should have met such an end. We shall miss him—at least when I say we, I say football—a man of honour, a man of the highest principles and a man of the greatest simplicity, and when you get that combination you get what we used to understand by a gentleman (hear, hear)."

"That is why in our regret and sadness we develop pleasure and joy from the fact that it has been our pleasure to have been associated with Mr Guimgam for so many years where football is concerned."

"You, Mr McKelvie, have paid me a very great compliment to-night. You have, I am quite sure, exaggerated what services I have been able to render football in Hongkong but if I weigh in the balance my services to football and the pleasure I got from football I feel I owe a great debt to football in Hongkong."

"You have referred to a proposal put forward by me. I regret to think that this proposal was not put through and I regret very much the way it was voted. It was deplorable. It was not done by people who understood for what they were voting. I hope that never again in the annals of the Football Association will such an incident take place."

"With regard to the presentation to me, I am glad to say that he had in the past referred to people who went to meetings to raise their hands as they had been told beforehand, and continued."

FOR FOOTBALL'S SAKE
I hope you gentlemen who are concerned with football and the good of football in this Colony will rise up and object and see that in future football is run for football's sake and that you will see that there is no other interest, no external influence except the good of football governing our decisions taken at our Council meetings (Applause)."

"I have no doubt that in saying that I am interpreting to you what your Chairman would have liked to say but who was too much of a gentleman to say so."

"I thank you all for the many kindnesses I have received during my term as President of the Football Association."

"With regard to the presentation to me, I am glad to say that he had in the past referred to people who went to meetings to raise their hands as they had been told beforehand, and continued."

"Thank you for your attendance here tonight and for the many past kindnesses, and to you, Mr McKelvie, for the support you have always given me. I thank you one and all" (loud applause).

COLONY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Entries for the Colony's Bridge Mixed Pairs Championship will be closed on March 3. Instead of February 28, it was announced yesterday. The first round of the competition will be held at the Leisure Recreation Club on March 10.

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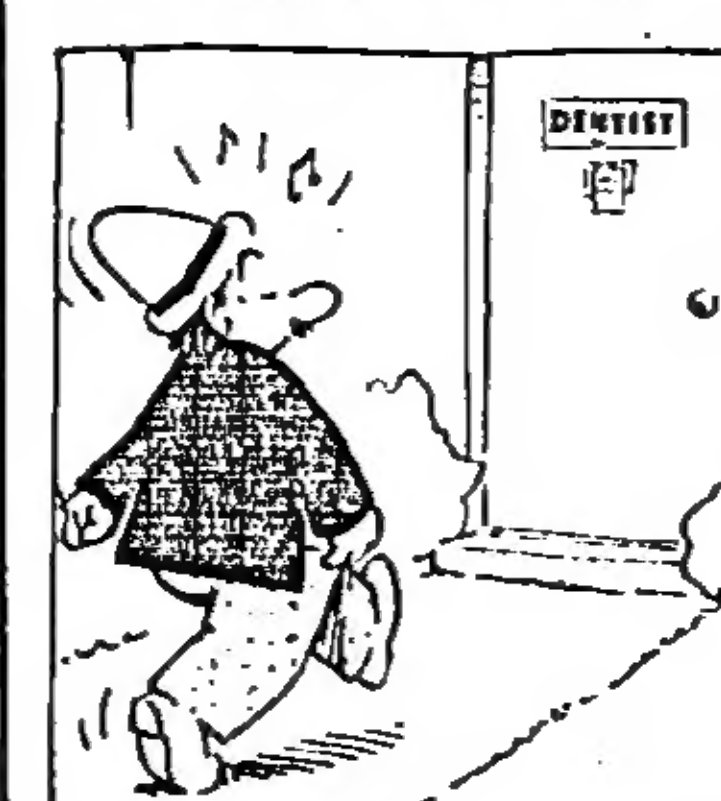
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IN SECRET

Washington, Feb. 23.

Nathaniel Weyl, writer and admitted ex-Communist, was questioned in secret today by the Senate "Voice of America" investigators.

It was learned that he was called before Chairman Joseph McCarthy's permanent investigating Sub-Committee in connection with one phase of the inquiry into the State Department's overseas information programme.

Weyl, 41, filed before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee last year that when he was a Communist he had seen Alger Hiss pay Party dues. Hiss, former State Department official, is serving a sentence for perjury.

Weyl formerly worked for the Agriculture Department and several other agencies. He told reporters that he left the Government in 1947 and readily admitted his own Communist affiliations.

In the meantime, Senator McCarthy has accused "left wing writers and commentators" of "trying to make the exposure of the Voice of America an attack on the Administration."

He told newsmen: "It is not fit to do that. I think that the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, has done a good job of house cleaning but it can't be done overnight."

"We have had no trouble with the new team, but old Dennis Acheson's lieutenants are carefully placed in key spots, have been trying to hamper the investigation. The exposure of those has done Mr. Dulles a great service."

—United Press.

Cabinet Sworn In

Sydney, Feb. 23.

The new Labour Cabinet of New South Wales was sworn in here today with Mr. John Joseph Cahill as Premier and Treasurer. —Reuter.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1953.

**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

**Alley
Capone**

THE young man was in a hurry. He had spent the evening in town, and now was on his way to a bus that would take him back to the western suburb where he lived. It was shortly after ten o'clock in the evening.

As he turned into a narrow, alley-like street off Long Acre, that he knew to be a short cut to the bus stop, the young man whose name was Alfred, drew a bigger level with another, a bigger built man than himself, who was leaning against a wall, shadowy, rather sinister in his crouching attitude.

Alfred put on speed, uneasy at being alone in the alley with the other. As he drew abreast, the man in the shadows snatched out: "Hey you, I want some money."

"I'm sorry," said Alfred. "I'm stoney broke." He walked firmly on, resisting the temptation to sprint towards some street more populous.

A MOMENT later the shadowy man overtook him, and now he barred Alfred's way—and in his hand he held as though it were a dagger, the broken-off, wickedly jagged neck of a milk bottle. "No one's going to speak to me like that," he said, "you'll be finding yourself in hospital if you're not careful."

Alfred had to think quickly. "Don't be silly," he said to the bigger, threatening man. "Put that down, let's go and have a drink."

They were curious circumstances for the issuing of an invitation, but the ruse worked. The bigger man dropped the milk bottle and, muttering, followed Alfred from the alley and into a nearby bar.

Alfred bought two glasses of beer, and sat down with the stranger, whom he now could see was a tall, tense man with a mop of tousled black hair.

"Cheers," said Alfred without conviction raising his glass.

THE stranger did not reply; he was frowning for something in his pocket. He pulled out a penknife, and opened one blade. "Five," said, using words—he must have picked up from some melodrama or fourth-rate movie: "This little fellow speaks every language," and he caressed the knife's sharp blade. "Speaks every language," he repeated. "You don't know how near you were to going to hospital. You'd better give me some money before you go."

"I tried to humour him," said Alfred later. "I gave him a sixpence and a threepenny bit, patted him on the back, wished him good luck, then left and ran to Bow Street police station."

Everything that had happened had taken place within two or three hundred yards of the police station.

Alfred's story and a policeman hurried out to seek the stranger from the shadows. They quickly found him supporting another street corner. The arrest was made, and as the stranger was led to the station, he threw away his penknife. The policeman picked it up. "Here, what's this?" he said. "Nothing to do with me," the stranger answered.

At the police station he repeated: "The knife wasn't found on me"; and at Bow Street next morning the dark stranger, whose name was Jake, pleaded not guilty to "being in possession of an offensive weapon, with intent to commit a felonious act."

JAKE'S defence was that he had been drunk the night before and remembered nothing that had happened. But the police had not found him so, and the case was proved against him.

Jake's four previous convictions, for assorted crimes, were read out, and then Sir Laurence Durno turned to him and said: "You're a very lucky man not to have been charged with robbery. As it is, on this lesser charge, you will go to prison for three months."

They led the tall, dark man away the back-street bully, the alley Capone, whose knife spoke every language in such ugly accents.

Our Australian Newsletter

**ABORIGINE
MAY BE INCLUDED
IN CORONATION
CONTINGENT**

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Feb. 20.
There's a strong move afoot to have Australia's only AIF aboriginal officer, Captain Reg Saunders, included in the Commonwealth Coronation Contingent.

Reg Saunders, a fine soldier, served with the Australian forces in Libya, Greece and New Guinea. He was commissioned in 1943 when he was in the first 10 of 33 students to pass out of the Officers' Training College.

Victorian president of the Returned Soldiers' League, Mr. N. D. Wilson, said: "New Zealand will have Maori representatives in England for the Coronation and Australia should have at least one aborigine and there is a no more suitable representative than Captain Saunders."

Defence Minister Sir Philip McBride says he will consider the matter.

Our Guess: That's where the matter will end. This Government will not send any aborigines to the Coronation.

A six-year-old Polish migrant girl living in a hostel, this week handed in her crumpled-up money box to help British and Dutch food victims. All migrants are said to be well to the fore in contributing to a fund to help these victims.

DARING EXPERIMENT
In Darwin Hospital Dr John Carter is trying a daring experiment on a native who is dying because he has been "sung to death" by a relative of his wife.

The doctor has extracted "the curse" from the native's body—the first experiment of its kind in the Northern Territory.

History does not record any white man's medicine saving a native who has been sung to death.

Dr Carter has extracted a beetle covered in blood from the native's body—at least, that is what Mick, the native, thinks has happened, and he is very impressed.

The doctor told Mick that he would take out whatever curse had been sung into him. He gave him an anaesthetic and cut a superficial wound in his body. When he awoke, he showed him the beetle covered in blood and told him he was free of the curse.

Mick comes from Inverway Station, 500 miles south-west of Darwin. He was "sung to death" by Douglas, a native of his late wife, who believes Mick had something to do with her dying.

Dr Carter said there was a chance that this experiment might cure the native, but he was still very ill.

The doctor doesn't think that this ruse is the correct approach to the problem, but admits that it is hard to know what is.

SHIPS FOR JAPAN
Three over-age Australian ships, some overseas, are to leave Sydney within the next few days for Japan. All ships come within the edict of the Australian maritime unions that they must all with Australian crews.

Only one ship has complied with the two unions and will be towed to Japan. The former island steamer Morinda will leave Sydney today with an Australian crew of 50. She will load coal at Newcastle, screw metal at a Pacific Island, then go to Yokohama.

The other ships are the old sisters Rigda and Dandana. As the new owners have not complied with the unions' demands, the biggest seagoing tug in the world, the Castle Peak, has been sent from Hongkong to tow them.

They are ready to sail, but have been delayed by sales of the coast. The tow will start as soon as the weather becomes settled.

Towing two 3,000-ton ships all the way to Japan promises to be something of an adventure, even for a mighty tug like the Castle Peak.

The current Australian wheat harvest is likely to earn 2,100 million for growers. It was claimed this week.

The season has been phenomenal and the yield has surprised the experts.

Growers are worried, however, because it is going to happen when the present wheat stabilization plan, which guarantees them a certain price, expires at the end of the present harvest.

MEAT FAMINE AHEAD
Australia is steadily eating its way into a meat famine, according to the producers' representative, the Australian Meat Board, Mr. R. J. Williamson.

He claimed that Australia was producing a surplus of beef by 20,000 tons a year.

Current production did not nearly balance the Commonwealth's meat budget commitments, he added.

Government geologists will soon lead about 80 men in the biggest uranium search yet undertaken in

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Is this the athletic type girl who sits with Mrs. Wilson's boy? Have you had any experience in boxing or judo?"

Garrison Players' "Master Of Arts"

**Two Performers Were
Outstanding**

With little instinctive talent and a large dose of over-acting, the Garrison Players' rendering of "Master of Arts" endangers, at times, the full significance of the humour with which William Douglas-Home invested this comedy of an English Public School.

Least this appear complete condemnation, let it be said at once that two players make the acting constantly worth watching, as one or other of them is on the stage most of the time. Margaret Lister, in a secondary part which she makes important, is the best of the first time in some months, the Garrison Players do not quite carry it off. "Master of Arts" is being staged tonight and tomorrow night in the Seamen's Mission Theatre.

SUE DAWSON.

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Sterling £282.8.0d.
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**INTELLIGENCE TEST
SOLUTION:**

This is another surprisingly simple test. Suppose there are 20 red cards in Portion A. Then there are 20 black cards in Portion B. (20-20=0) and 20 cards in Portion C. Hence 20-20=0. When there are 20 red cards in Portion A, and 20 cards in Portion B.

London Express Service.

**No Miscarriage Of
Justice, Decides
Full Court**

An application for a writ nisi of certiorari to bring proceedings in the lower Court before a higher Court was refused this morning by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E. H. Williams.

The application was the result of an order by Mr Poon Yan-hoi, Central Magistrate, on January 16, terminating the tenancy of 26 Queen's Road, second floor, in connection with an opium offence committed there.

Mr Patrick Yu represented the applicant, Wong Yu-sang, tenant of the premises in question, instructed by Mr G. Hampton of Hastings and Company.

In placing his case before the Full Court, Mr Yu submitted that though the person convicted of using part of the premises as an opium den, Chan Tak, had admitted the charge before the Magistrate, his client had denied that the place was being kept as such.

Stating that Chan Tak in fact occupied only a bed space in the house, Counsel said that his main ground for the application was that there had been a denial of justice to his client.

Counsel submitted that there was no evidence to show that his client was involved in the offence, and there was a possibility that a miscarriage of justice had been done.

He asked in conclusion that he be granted the writ nisi in order that the Magistrate's order terminating the tenancy be quashed.

In giving their decision, Their Lordships announced that they had come to the conclusion that, although hardship may have been caused to the applicant as a

result of the order, what is laid down by law must be carried out. They could not agree that it could be called a miscarriage of justice when the procedure taken by the Magistrate was laid down by law, and the Court was thus not prepared in the circumstances to grant the writ.

Charged with assaulting a woman and her 13-year-old daughter with intent to rob them, Pang Kwong, Tang Kam-hung and Tang Kam-wah faced trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice Reece and a jury of five women and two men.

Crown Counsel, Mr Simon Li, who prosecuted (assisted by Del. Sub-Inspector C. C. Chan), said that the woman, Ng Lai-kun, and her daughter, Yu Kwok-heung, lived in a stone hut near Island Road, Aberdeen. On the evening of September 22 last year while her husband was out at work, her daughter was writing in the parlour and she herself was in bed with her baby, two Chinese men entered the parlour and asked the girl for her mother.

The girl went into the inner room to inform her mother but was followed by the two men. One of them drew out something from his pocket which appeared to be a firearm and pointed it at the mother. The other men put his hand over the girl's mouth and ordered both of them to be quiet.

The mother put up a struggle and escaped. She ran out into the street to call for help and the neighbours came to her assistance.

SAW MEN RUNNING
Both the mother and daughter then saw one of the men running up the hill and the other towards the cemetery. One of the neighbours, Chan Tai, chased the man running up the hill, caught him and took him back to the house where he was identified by the woman. He was the first accused. The other man escaped.

Mr Li told the jury that according to the evidence for the Crown only two persons were in sight at all material times. However, the jury would learn how the third man appeared on the scene. He submitted that a person need not be present at a crime, but if he knew about it and took any part in it he was equally guilty. The present case was one where the conduct of the accused were most important, he added.

Mr Li said that the other two accused were subsequently arrested as the result of information.

The case is proceeding.

**DROVE TAXI
CARELESSLY**

For swerving in an erratic manner from side to side while driving his vehicle along Prince Edward Road at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Wong Kai-pong, a taxi-driver, was fined \$25 by Mr Lawrence Leong at Kowloon this morning.

According to Police evidence, defendant was travelling at about 25 mph and swerving from side to side on the road. When he was stopped by a traffic constable he explained that he was looking for an address for his passenger.

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**Living
Language**

Why we Say Bar-

The word "barque" are related, for they both came from the Low Latin barca, a trading vessel. To *Barcaniare* was to traffic in merchandise brought from overseas, and a "bar-gain" was something rather rare and not easily come by. As a noun it now means something bought more cheaply than it is worth, and as a verb it means to make a deal.

**Mail
Notices**

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

By Air: Formosa, Japan, U.S.A., via C.A.T. Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m. By Surface: Formosa, 120 p.m.; 6 p.m., as Leo Hongkong; 6 p.m., as Leo Hongkong. By Surface: China, People's Republic, 120 a.m.; train via Canton. Formosa, 120 p.m.; 6 p.m., as Leo Hongkong; 6 p.m., as Leo Hongkong. Indonesia, 2 p.m., as Suklen. Japan, 2 p.m., as Borgholt.

**HE WANTED
A LONGER
SENTENCE**

After being sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for larceny and a breach of deportation order by Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne at Kowloon this morning, To Kim, rushed back into the dock and asked for an additional month.

The Magistrate refused his appeal he became violent and finally asked for a reduction in sentence, which was also refused.

Defendant then threatened to cause a commotion, exclaiming that it would surely get him another month. At this stage Mr O'Reilly Mayne adjourned and defendant was dragged out of the dock.

Prosecuting, Insp. T. Pilkington said that a prisoner, with over a year to serve, was given a trade at Stanley, which explained defendant's eagerness to serve a longer sentence.

To Kim was arrested for stealing a jacket which contained \$43 on February 17. Lau Wai who was charged with receiving the stolen jacket was sentenced to six months.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Programme Summary: 6.00. Melody with the Stars; with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope; 6.30. Without Twilight Mood with Kostasetz; 7. Time Signal; World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.30. Calypso; 7.45. Home; 7.50. Forces Favourites; (London Relay); 7.55. Weather Report; 8.00. The Moan of the Bells; (Studio) "Les Mouches de Berlin"; 8.30. Letter from America by Allister Cooke; 8.45. News; 9.00. Concert; 9.15. "First Hoarding" presented by the "Radio City" Orchestra; 9.30. Musical Notebook—presented by the Rev. Father T.P. Ryan, S.J.; 9.45. "The Great Dictator" by the Ballet-Musique (Bliss); 10.00. Royal Opera House Grand Concert; 10.15. At the Ballet—Suite from the Ballet Music "Checkmate" (Bliss); 10.45. Wireless Atwell and her Piano; 11.00. "The Great Dictator" by the Ballet-Musique (Bliss); 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.30. "The Great Dictator" by the Ballet-Musique (Bliss); 11.45. Goodnight Music; 12.00. Close Down.